Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, One South Dakota resident in 200 is estimated to carry double genes that cause accumulation of excessive iron stores, resulting in disease of the liver, the heart, the sex glands, the pancreas and the joints with ultimate fatality if untreated; and,

WHEREAS, Our state's carrier rate of the single hemochromatosis gene is estimated to be 26 in 200; and,

WHEREAS, Many doctors and their patients are not aware of this high incidence:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 11 through 17, 1988, as

IRON OVERLOAD DISEASES AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota, and urge citizens to participate in protecting their health by informing themselves of this common but underdiagnosed disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Fifth Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE